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VANDYKE IS MISSING.

Unaccountable Absence of a Young Husband—The Bride Worried.

Last Thanksgiving Day, less than a month ago, it will be remembered that George Vandylke and Miss Florence Howell were married by Justice Stevens at the midnight hour at the home of the bride's father, George W. Howell, in Long Creek township, five miles southeast of Decatur. It will also be recalled that Vandylke had quite a time in Decatur before leaving for the country; that he looked in vain for a missing valise said to contain his wedding suit; that Miss Florence finally consented to wed him in his business suit; that he got his marriage license and then accidentally fell headlong into the unfinished cellar at the new court house, and that on the way out into the country the carriage got stuck in the mud, causing the team to break away and run off, leaving the bride and groom, Justice Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter and a brother of the bride in the middle of the road, two miles and a half distant from the Howell home, where the wedding guests had been waiting several hours for the tardy party.

Saturday, George W. Howell, father of the bride, was in Decatur. He called at the Republican office and wanted to know the exact date when the unknown man murdered at Bloomington was found in the cornfield. He was told that the body was found the day before Thanksgiving, and that the man was supposed to have been killed on or about the 8th of October. "Oh, well," said Mr. Howell, "that clears up the matter so far as my son-in-law is concerned," following this puzzling remark with an explanation of which the following is the substance.

"George Vandylke married my daughter, as you know, on Thanksgiving Day. I knew but little about him, as my daughter had been living in Decatur. She formed his acquaintance and a proposal of marriage followed. When the engagement came to my knowledge I went to Frank Carter, at whose house my daughter was stopping, and made inquiries as to Vandylke. Carter told me that he was a steady young man and possessed considerable means. The wedding came off and the couple remained at my house a few days later to look for his valise. It did not contain his wedding suit, as the papers stated, but it had in it, so Vandylke said, \$50 in cash which he intended to use to buy his suit. Some days later Vandylke came back and said he had heard of the valise being at the town of Pearson, Ind., and that he had gone there after it. (I have since learned that there is no such town in that state.) Vandylke said that while he was in Indiana he had arranged with a party named Wood to purchase a saw mill, and had paid the party \$50 down to bind the bargain. He left my house on Monday, December 7th, saying he was going to Bloomington, Ill., to procure a loan of \$2500 from a man named Brown, and that he intended to close out the deal for the saw mill. Since then my daughter has not heard a word from her husband, and I have been unable to hear from him or find anybody who knows of his whereabouts. Vandylke's actions are beyond explanation. He is odd in his talk, and his actions are a great puzzle to me and my daughter. He has told me many singular stories about business affairs. I do not know whether he is a desperate or a clever fellow. This is what I want to discover. Possibly he may have met with foul play, but I think not. I would like to locate him. Do you think Marshall Mason could unravel the mystery? I believe I will see him about the case. If you hear anything of Vandylke, please let me hear from you." And with this parting request Mr. Howell, who in hand, left the office and got into his wagon to drive off home.

A Boy Held for Murder.
Coroner Bush of Champaign has completed an inquest over the remains of Gonnie Evans of Sidney, who was shot Sunday by a companion, and it has put a but light on the whole affair. Only two boys were present as witnesses and they testified that Charles Porter, aged 11 years, had the target rifle when several boys came to the place where they were practicing. Porter told the spectators to leave, and turned to Gonnie Evans, saying, "Leave, or I will shoot you." Gonnie started to leave and when some distance off stopped to look around. Porter leveled the gun at him and fired. The bullet struck Evans in the head, resulting in his death. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that Gonnie Evans came to his death by a shot maliciously fired by Charles Porter, and recommending that the latter be held to answer. He is placed under a \$500 bond to await the action of the grand jury.

A Fine Attraction.
"The Prince and the Pauper" at the Opera House Thursday evening Dec. 24, will be one of the special events of the theatrical season. Elsie Leslie heads the organization. She has a drawing power equal to that of many of the best known stars, although she is only eleven years old. Her contract calls for a run of apartments for her head and shoulders in the best hotel of every city she visits, parlor cars, carriages to and from her hotel and the theatre, and all the other extras which high priced prima donnas usually exact. Her performance in "The Prince and the Pauper" is spoken of as remarkable.

Tongue Lick.
Mrs. Sarah Fanning had an annoying fire early Sunday morning at the rear of her residence property at 326 South Franklin street. It was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary as there had been no fire anywhere near the shed. But for the prompt arrival of the fire department, the William Gable barn, Mrs. Mary Bennett's house and other property would have been destroyed. Mrs. Fanning's loss included her coal shed, her chicken house, a lot of coal, a number of chickens and a big good cow. She had purchased for her Christmas dinner.

The Finest Display.
If you want to see the finest display of free holiday slippers go to Walter Hough in this evening and take a look. The largest stock to select from. Slippers make an elegant Christmas present. Do not fail to call and see our fine display. All prices. "Sign of big shoe."

WALTER HITCHES.
No. 117 N. Water St.
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Children Cry for Fletcher's Castor.

A Fortune in It.

Sol Ray, the engineer at the Citizens electric street railway power house, is an inventive genius, and has fashioned an automatic oiler for the engines and dynamos, which is a great money, labor and oil saver.

Carrying pipes and oiling cups and drippers, cunningly devised, are neatly arranged, and a pump is used to force the oil through the pipes. This invention does away with the oil can from which Ray had been compelled to pour thirty-gallons of oil daily. Now every drop of oil is utilized, labor is saved, and oil that goes through the engine is preserved to be used again. The inventor has saved the company many hundreds of dollars, and since it has been introduced there has been no damage to machinery. Mr. Ray has a big fortune in his invention. He will have it patented, and will not doubt be called upon to personally introduce the patent throughout the country. It is a great success. Mr. Ray is even now in receipt of many letters from New York and other points, asking for explanations and desiring to purchase rights.

A Woman of Women.
Masculinity in a woman is always abhorrent and this is particularly the case when the woman in question is constantly before the public. One of the few women who have retained all the better attributes of a woman while she is in all the time before the public is Mrs. Longshore Pettz, M. D. What seemed to strike the Bostonians with unusual force was that a woman of such mind should be so devoid of those characteristics which from force of habit have come to be known as "strong mindedness," in contradistinction to femininity. Her lectures this week are sure to attract large audiences. She is a great society favorite everywhere and dresses with great richness. Her lecture on "Love, Courtship and Marriage" Wednesday night, is arousing unusual interest. It is a theme which, according to our exchanges, she treats with great gusto of sagacity. This lecture has tested the capacity of the largest houses in this country. When here, Sol Smith Russell spoke in unmeasured praise of it. This will be her last lecture to both sexes.

Christmas Matinee and Night.
The Hines-Remington comedy-drama company will be the attraction at the Grand Centennial afternoon and night in "The Hearts of New York." The plot of the play revolves to many homes where virtuous prejudices and vice seek to assail it. The mission of the loving daughter, Finky, in seeking to reclaim her drunken son of a father by tears and supplications, is a sermon in itself! The villain driving to ruin the husband, with the intention of causing the wife to seek relief in the divorce court, in order that he might share her wealth, is only an everyday event. Mr. Hines and Earl Remington (Lizzie Allison) will appear in splendid new, quaint and entirely original. Considerable special scenery will be introduced, including a patrol wagon.

Grace M. E. Church.
Ladies having fancy work for the Grace M. E. church fair will please send it to the residence of Mrs. J. B. Boyer 541 North Jackson street, Monday, December 21, or at the court house early Tuesday morning, December 22. 12-19t

Cigars and the World's Fair.
To everyone using A. D. Holland's different brands of celebrated cigars I make the following proposition:
For everyone using 10,000 of my cigars for the next year, beginning January 1st I will give them a round-trip ticket to Chicago and a ticket of admission to the World's Columbian Exposition.
To everyone using 15,000 of my cigars I will give a round-trip ticket to Chicago and two tickets to the World's Columbian Exposition; also two tickets to any theater in the city.
To everyone using 20,000 of my cigars I will give a round-trip ticket to Chicago and three tickets to the World's Fair; a sleeping-car berth ticket, and tickets to the different theaters in the city.
To everyone using 25,000 of my cigars I will give a round-trip ticket to Chicago for self and lady; also sleeping-car berth, a round-trip by lake to Milwaukee, tickets for both lady and gent to the theaters for a week, and also tickets to the World's Fair.

I will also give a 50-cent of the celebrated Medallion 10-cent cigar to parties selling the required amount for this trip.
A. D. HOLLAND.
212 West Main St., Decatur, Ill.
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New Pictures of the Season.
"The Strong," edited by J. S. King, "Love and Wisdom," by F. M. Spiegel, "Cupid's Kiss," by Spiegel, "Little Dick Turpin," and many others, all gems of art, at Sexton and Andrews. 15d&1w

Round Oak Stoves.
The Best Heaters. The only place to get them is at LITTLE & ECKELS HARDWARE CO.'s.
Last but Not Least.
The ladies of Grace M. E. church will serve dinner and supper at the court house December 22; also articles of fancy work, dolls, aprons, etc., will be for sale. dec14-d1t

61.50 for the Best Cabinet Photos.
at Chicago Studio, 249 North Main street. Try them. nov6-d1t

DR. JOHN BULL'S SARSAPARILLA.
Happy the household where the woman takes any cheerful, contented, healthy and happy. How pitiable the home where mother, sister, or wife is ill. How grateful the family that is united to the ill of woman, and that will restore nervous, ailing, feeble, dependent and weak women.

MADE.
To suffer much pain, to use prescriptions of several good doctors, but my ailments increased. A bearing down pain about my hips, which was so severe that I could not walk. I was subject to frequent headaches and dizziness. In this condition I began a use of Dr. Bull's Sarsaparilla. It acted promptly. My condition improved. My friends noticed great improvement and my friends noticed great improvement. I used it during the month of March and April and gave it all credit for my present enjoyment of life and good health. It is a boon to woman and ailing women and will make them

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Plush Manicure Sets, Plush Shaving Sets, Handkerchief Boxes, Glove Boxes, Albums, Toilet Sets, also some articles in oxidized silver.

Fancy Bracelets, Garters, Breast Pins, Purses, Shopping Bags, Throws, etc., at a great saving in price to you, over notion stores, etc., etc.

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Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 5c each; Drawn Work Handkerchiefs at 15c each; Initial Handkerchiefs in Silk and Linen. Scallop Embroidered Edge Handkerchiefs at 20c to \$1 each.

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In Cashmere, Silk, etc., from 50 cents to \$4 each.

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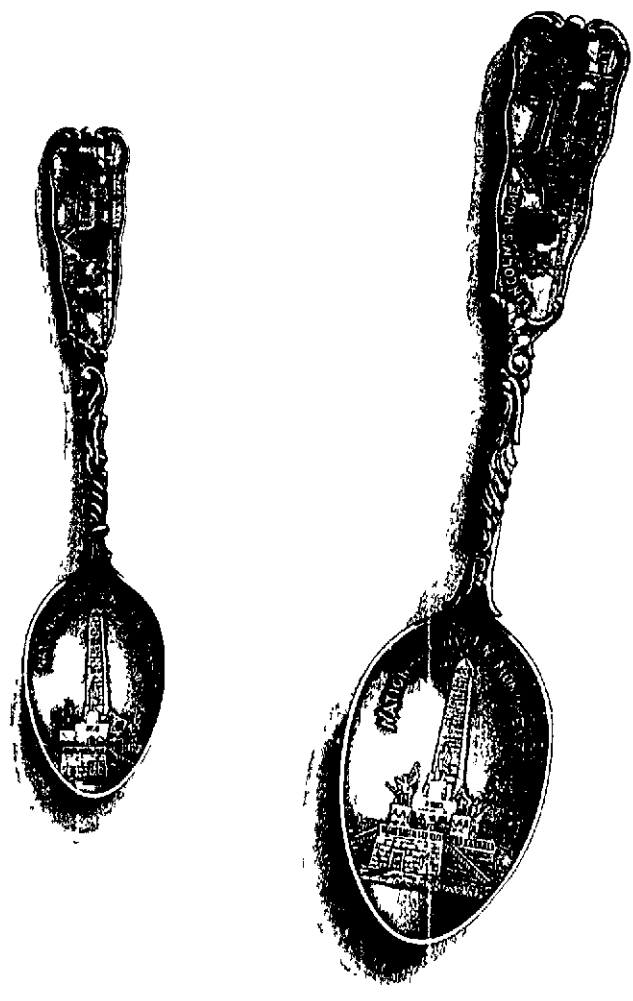
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That the short time we have been in business as affirm we have developed a trade that speaks words of praise for our line of CLOTHING and GENTS' FURNISHINGS.

In looking for HOLIDAY GOODS don't forget us. Our line is too great to itemize. Come and see for yourselves.

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At the Fat Stock Show recently held in Chicago we purchased of Wm S VanNatta of Fowler, Ind., the noted Hereford breeder, the prize cross-bred Hereford and Sussex steer under one year old, John Hudson, Mowatqua, Ill., the 1st and 2d prize yearling Devon steers. These steers are not large but are ripe and thick in flesh and will produce a quality of beef as choice as any we have ever offered you. In addition to the above we have a 3-year-old brown Swiss Heifer from the herd of Abe Bourquin, Nokomis, Ill., and of D. F. Keller, of Micon, five choice 2-year old Polled Angus Heifers. Our patrons may rest assured that the high standard of excellence of our holiday beef will be maintained in what we shall place on our blocks this season.

Imboden Bros.
GO TO FREEMAN BROS.

Fine Shoes, School Shoes, Good Shoes, Working Shoes, Cheap Shoes, Sunday Shoes, WATER-PROOF GRAIN BOOTS—For Farmers, Butchers and Brewers.

Ladies' and Gents' Over-Gaiters, Ladies' and Gents' Stocking Heel Protectors, Boys' and Gents' Patent Leather Dancing Slippers, Rubber Instep-Over and Foot-Holders, Holiday Slippers, Doll Shoes, Babies' Chamoles and Soft Sole Shoes.

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